

WEST FRANKFORT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2020

1. MAYOR JORDAN CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:00 P.M. REQUESTING A ROLL CALL. ALL COMMISSIONERS WERE IN ATTENDANCE, ALONG WITH THE CITY ATTORNEY AND CITY CLERK.

2. MAYOR JORDAN ASKED FOR APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 14, 2020 COUNCIL MEETING. COMMISSIONER WARREN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

3. MAYOR JORDAN NEXT ASKED FOR APPROVAL TO PAY CITY BILLS AND PAYROLL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$243,448.03. COMMISSIONER SIMPSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

4. THE NEXT ITEM WAS DISCUSSION, WITH POSSIBLE ACTION, COVID-19 RELATED ISSUES. THE MAYOR STATED WE PUT THIS ON THE LAST TWO MEETINGS AND I WANT TO TAKE SOME TIME AND TALK ABOUT ANY SITUATIONS WE HAVE GOING ON. HOW ARE WE DOING ON MASKS JODY? JODY STATED WE ARE GETTING LOW WE HAVE ABOUT 70 LEFT. ANGIE GOT US 1000 SURGICAL MASKS AND OUR RESOURCE HOSPITAL GAVE US 1300 WHICH WE PUT ON EVERY PATIENT. THE MAYOR STATED ON MAY 1ST IF YOU ARE IN A PLACE WHERE YOU CAN'T HAVE MORE THAN 6FT SEPERATION YOU ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR A MASK IN A PUBLIC BUILDING. I THINK THE CITIZENS ARE GOING TO LOOK TO US FOR MASKS SO I DON'T KNOW HOW THEY ARE GOING TO GET THEM. WHAT IS THE SOLUTION FOR US AS A COMMUNITY IF WE HAVE PEOPLE WHO CALL US AND ASK ABOUT MASKS? COMMISSIONER SIMPSON STATED IF WE HAVE SURGICAL MASKS CAN WE NOT PROVIDE THAT FOR THEM? THE CITY CLERK STATED YOU CAN MAKE THEM OUT OF A SOCK. COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS STATED THERE ARE PEOPLE ALL OVER TOWN MAKING THEM. THE MAYOR STATED CAN WE ASK THE COMMUNITY TO GIVE US NAMES OF PEOPLE WHO ARE MAKING MASKS THAT THEY CAN CONTACT. COMMISSIONER WARREN STATED THERE ARE PEOPLE

WHO HAVE MASKS AND ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS CONTACT THEM AND THEY WILL GIVE YOU A MASK. THE MAYOR STATED LINDA FOR THE WATER AND SEWER GUYS WHEN THEY ARE READING METERS OR WORKING AT THE SEWER PLANT OR ANYTHING DO, WE WANT TO HAVE THIS POLICY AS FAR AS HOW STRICT WE ARE GOING TO BE AS FAR AS WEARING MASKS? THERE IS A CO2 BUILDUP INSIDE MASKS AND IF YOU WEAR ONE FOR VERY LONG, I THINK YOU ONLY NEED TO WEAR ONE WHEN YOU CAN'T DISTANCE YOURSELF. IF YOU ARE OUT READING THE METERS YOU ARE FINE AND ARE FINE IN THE SEWER PLANT. COMMISSIONER WARREN STATED THEY TOLD ME THEY ARE COMFORTABLE WITH THEIR SITUATION BECAUSE THEY DON'T COME IN CONTACT WITH PEOPLE FACE TO FACE VERY MUCH, BUT IF THEY DO, THEY WOULD WEAR ONE. THE MAYOR STATED I TALKED TO JIM TODAY ABOUT THIS AND THEY ARE TRYING NOT TO HANG STUFF ON DOORS UNLESS THEY HAVE A NEED FOR PHYSICAL CONTACT. COMMISSIONER WARREN STATED, BUT THEY DON'T GO IN ANY HOMES. THE MAYOR STATED NO, BUT THEY WILL USUALLY TAG THE DOOR IF THEIR WATER USAGE IS HIGH. I AM NOT SAYING THEY AREN'T GOING TO DO THAT, BUT THEY ARE GOING TO TRY TO AVOID HAVING CONTACT. THE MAYOR STATED AND THE STREET DEPARTMENT TARA IS IT THE SAME THING? COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS STATED IT WAS ALL GOOD. THE MAYOR STATED LET'S TALK ABOUT CITY HALL THIS BUILDING HAS BEEN A GODSEND BECAUSE WE HAVE A DRIVEUP WINDOW AND WE HAVE DONE SO MUCH THROUGH THAT WINDOW WITH SELLING THE LAKE STICKERS AND IF ANYONE NEEDS ANYTHING DONE THAT THEY HAVE TO COME IN FOR, WE CAN LET THEM IN. I AM NOT READY TO OPEN THE CITY HALL BACK UP RIGHT NOW; I THINK IT IS COMING BUT WHAT WE ARE DOING IS OKAY FOR NOW. COMMISSIONER SIMPSON STATED I GUESS THE QUESTION IS ARE YOU GOING TO REQUIRE THE EMPLOYEES IN HERE TO WEAR A MASK DURING HOURS? THE MAYOR STATED I THINK IF THEY WANT TO WEAR ONE THAT WOULD BE FINE. COMMISSIONER WARREN STATED CAN YOU EVEN OPEN THE CITY HALL PER THE GOVERNOR RIGHT NOW? THE MAYOR STATED YES; HE DIDN'T CLOSE THE CITY HALL WE CLOSED THE CITY HALL. I THINK THAT IS A GREAT QUESTION, BUT THIS IS AN ESSENTIAL BUSINESS AND WE CAN HAVE IT OPEN. WE CLOSED IT BECAUSE THE BANK CLOSED AND I THOUGHT IF YOU CAN'T GO INSIDE THE BANK WELL MAYBE WE SHOULD DO THAT. COMMISSIONER WARREN STATED HERE YOU CAN STAND DISTANCE. THE MAYOR STATED IF YOU GO TO

THE COUNTER YOU CAN'T GET WITHIN 6 FEET OF THE GIRLS BECAUSE IT IS QUITE A DISTANCE THAT YOU ARE WORKING ACROSS. TO ME I THINK IF WE ASKED THE EMPLOYEES IF THEY FEEL COMFORTABLE WITH IT JUST TO GET AN IDEA. I KNOW THAT THE STREET, WATER AND SEWER GUYS ARE OKAY WITH IT. THE POLICE AND FIRE DON'T HAVE A CHOICE THEY HAVE TO DO THAT. IM NOT SAYING NO TO OPENING CITY HALL I THINK WE SHOULD HAVE A DISCUSSION WITH THE EMPLOYEES ABOUT IT AND WHAT THEIR FEELINGS ARE. COMMISSIONER SIMPSON STATED THERE REALLY IS NO NEED TO OPEN IT. COMMISSIONER WARREN STATED I THINK UNTIL IT LEVELS OUT A LITTLE BUT MORE BECAUSE IT IS NEW PEOPLE ARE GOING TO WANT TO COME IN ANYWAYS AND YOU ARE GOING TO GET A LOT OF PEOPLE WANTING TO COME IN. THE MAYOR STATED I THINK IT IS GOING TO BE THE OPPOSITE BECAUSE PEOPLE BACK AWAY WHEN YOU TRY TO TALK TO THEM. I HAVE TALKED TO SOME OF OUR BUSINESSES AND I TALKED TO MATT BROWN AT THE FURNITURE STORE AND I THINK IF THEY WANTED TO PUSH IT, THEY COULD OPEN. I WOULD LIKE FOR THEM TO OPEN AND I THINK IT IS FINE. HE HAS A FINANCIAL BUSINESS THERE THAT HE COULD OPEN AND HE ALSO DOES REPAIR TO MEDICAL EQUIPMENT WITH CHAIRS AND STUFF. I TOLD HIM IF HE WANTS TO OPEN, I AM FINE WITH IT, I THINK HE IS AN ESSENTIAL BUSINESS AND WITH THAT DESIGNATION I WOULD BE GLAD TO MAIL HIM A LETTER AND SAY THAT. I TALKED TO VANITY FAIR TODAY FROM CORPORATE AND THEY ARE GOING TO OPEN THIRTY STORES ACROSS THE NATION MONDAY. IF I SAY THAT THEY CAN OPEN IS THAT GOOD ENOUGH FOR THE CORPORATE OFFICE WHEN YOU HAVE THE GOVERNOR SAYING THEY CAN'T OPEN. I DON'T SEE A DIFFERENCE THAN THEN BUYING CLOTHES AT WALMART THAN THEM BUYING CLOTHES AT VANITY FAIR, BUT MAYBE I AM WRONG. WHAT ARE YOUR FEELINGS ON THAT? IS ANYBODY OPPOSED IF VANITY FAIR WANTED TO OPEN? COMMISSIONER SIMPSON STATED MY FEELING IS EVERY BUSINESS IN WEST FRANKFORT IS ESSENTIAL. IT'S ESSENTIAL THAT THEY START OPENING THE DOORS AND GET THE BUSINESS GOING BECAUSE IF THEY DON'T, THEY WONT BE OPENING WHEN THE GOVERNOR DECIDES THEY CAN. COMMISSIONER WARREN STATED DOES THE COVID-19 STICK TO CLOTHING? FIRE CHIEF, JODY ALLEN STATED THEY NEED TO DO THE SOCIAL DISTANCING AND ALL THAT THROUGH THEIR STORE INSTEAD OF JUST OPENING THE DOORS LIKE IT ALWAYS HAS BEEN THEY WILL NEED TO STICK TO THE

GUIDELINES. COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS STATED HOW DO THEY HANDLE THAT WITH CLOTHES? DOES EVERYTHING GET SPRAYED DOWN EVERY SO OFTEN? FIRE CHIEF, I DON'T KNOW THAT THEY SPRAY I THINK THE ONLY THING THEY ARE REQUIRING IS THE SOCIAL DISTANCING AND WASHING YOUR HANDS MORE.

COMMISSIONER SIMPSON STATED I THINK THE CONSUMERS HAVE TO ACCEPT SOME OF THE RESPONSIBILITY. THE MAYOR STATED THE CONSENSUS IS THE SAME WITH ALL OF THESE PEOPLE, THEY ALL WANT TO OPEN BACK UP, BUT THERE IS A FEAR THAT NOONE IS GOING TO COME. I TALKED WITH CLUBHOUSE GRILLE AND SHE SAID THEY HAD TO LAYOFF THREE PEOPLE AND ONLY HAVE THREE WORKING. THEY ARE DOING ENOUGH THROUGH THE DRIVEUP WINDOW JUST TO PAY THE SALARY OF THE EMPLOYEES. HER REMARK WAS THAT SHE HAS TWENTY-TWO TABLES AND IF WE SAID YOU CAN OPEN AND HAVE TEN TABLES AND REMOVE TWELVE AND WE WILL LET YOU OPEN AND SHE SAID SHE CAN'T OPEN SHE CAN'T MAKE ENOUGH MONEY WITH TEN TABLES TO SUPPORT HER BUSINESS. WHENEVER WE START TO OPEN UP THE PROCESS WILL BEGIN AND PEOPLE WILL BEGIN TO GET INTO THE CYCLE AND DO WHAT THEY USED TO DO GRADUALLY. SHE WOULD LIKE TO OPEN SOONER RATHER THAN LATER BECAUSE SHE DOESN'T KNOW IF SHE CAN SURVIVE. POLICE CHIEF, JOHN PRUDENT STATED WE ARE AN ANOMALY OUR FOOD BUSINESS HAS PROBABLY DOUBLED SINCE THIS STARTED BECAUSE WE ARE ONE OF THE FEW PLACES THAT DO CURBSIDE AND IT IS EASY TO GET IN AND OUT. WE GOT ON BOARD EARLY AND DID A LOT OF ADVERTISMENT VIA SOCIAL MEDIA, OUR OVERHEAD HAS WENT DOWN AND OUR BILLS HAVE CUT IN HALF. WE DIDN'T EXPECT TO GET THIS MUCH SUPPORT AND FOR IT TO BE THIS GOOD. THE MAYOR STATED LET'S TALK ABOUT LAFIESTA AND PUPS 212 THEY BOTH HAVE PATIOS THAT ARE OUTSIDE IN THE OPEN AIR. IF SOMEBODY BOUGHT A LUNCH AND BROUGHT IT OUTSIDE TO A TABLE WOULD YOU ARREST THEM? I DON'T THINK THE CITY WOULD. IT IS AN UNFAIR ADVANTAGE BUT THEY DON'T HAVE ANY BAR BUSINESS. I JUST TALKED TO QUEST FITNESS AND THEY WERE DOING GREAT AND NOW THIS HAPPENED AND HE WOULD LIKE TO FIGURE OUT A WAY TO OPEN HIS DOORS BECAUSE HE HAS NOTHING COMING IN. THE SUGGESTION HE MADE WAS TO ALLOW TEN PEOPLE IN AT A TIME AND HAVE THEM WIPE DOWN MACHINES AND EMPLOYEES WIPE THEM DOWN AS WELL AND ALSO SOCIAL DISTANCE WHILE IN THE FACILITY. COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS

STATED BLOSSOM FITNESS IS THE SAME WAY AND THEY ARE GOING TO GO OUT OF BUSINESS IF THEY DON'T REOPEN. THE MAYOR STATED I WANT TO HAVE THIS DISCUSSION NOW AND THEN COME BACK AND REVIST IT. BOB MARAGNI STATED THE PARK WOULD ALSO LIKE TO TRY AND OPEN IF THEY CAN AND THEIR SUGGESTIONS WERE TO OPEN FOR TWO HOUR SESSIONS AND THEN CLOSE IT DOWN FOR AN HOUR TO CLEAN. FIRE CHIEF, JODY ALLEN STATED IF YOU GET THAT IN WRITING FROM THESE BUSINESSES AND FIND OUT WHAT THEIR PLANS ARE THEN I THINK YOU COULD DO IT THAT WAY. TO ME I DON'T SEE A DIFFERENCE FROM THE FURNITURE STORES, VANITY FAIR AND BONWORTH WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE WITH THAT AND MCCORDS? I THINK YOU HAVE THE SAME RISK AND I NEVER DID UNDERSTAND THAT. COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS STATED IF A BEAUTY SALON TAKES APPOINTMENTS AND A PERSON COMES IN AND DOES ONE CLIENT AT A TIME AND THEY AREN'T OPEN TO THE PUBLIC I DON'T KNOW IF IT GOES AGAINST THE ORDERS FOR THEM TO NOT BE OPEN? THEY AREN'T OPEN IF YOU CAN'T JUST WALK IN THE DOOR. THE MAYOR STATED THEY JUST NEED TO FOLLOW THE GUIDELINE TO FOLLOW THE RULES OF TAKING TEMPERATURES, WEAR MASKS AND STAY SIX FEET APART AND SO ON. THEY CONTINUED TO DISCUSS THESE MATTERS. THE MAYOR STATED LIQUOR LICENSE ARE CONTROLLED BY THE STATE AS WELL AS THE HAIR DRESSERS LICENSE AND THE RESTAURANTS HAVE A BICOUNTY HEALTH PERMIT. WE NEED THE BUSINESSES TO REQUEST TO OPEN AND THEIR PLAN FOR MEETING THE SOCIAL DISTANCING REQUIREMENTS. DO WE NEED TO TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE THIS TO ALLOW THEM TO REOPEN? THE CITY ATTORNEY STATED WELL THAT WOULD BE FOR THEIR BENEFIT, FOR YOUR BENEFIT WOULD BE NOT TO HAVE ANY ACTION AND THEY JUST OPEN UP WITH NO ENFORCEMENT. AS THE MAYOR OF WEST FRANKFORT I WILL MAKE AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT AND SIGN IT STATING I DO NOT BELIEVE AS THE MAYOR OF WEST FRANKFORT I HAVE ANY AUTHORITY OVER RELIGIOUS GATHERINGS IN WEST FRANKFORT. COMMISSIONER WARREN STATED A PASTOR TOLD ME THAT THE BISHOP THAT WAS OVER HIM MADE THESE DECISIONS SO THAT WOULD DETERMINE IF THEY COULD OR NOT. THEY CONTINUED TO SPEAK ABOUT THIS ISSUE. COMMISSIONER SIMPSON STATED I MAKE A MOTION TO HAVE A SPECIAL MEETING ON MONDAY TO REVIEW THESE PLANS AND GIVE THE MAYOR AUTHORITY TO TAKE ACTION. COMMISSIONER SIMPSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY

COMMISSIONER WARREN. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

5. THE NEXT ITEM WAS A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF A POLICE OFFICER, KYLE WEBB, FOR THE CITY OF WEST FRANKFORT. POLICE CHIEF, JOHN PRUDENT STATED HE HAS DONE A GREAT JOB SO FAR. HE PASSED HIS STATE CERTIFICATION TEST ON APRIL 7TH AND HAS DONE AND WILL CONTINUE TO DO A FINE JOB. COMMISSIONER HARKINS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SIMPSON. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.
6. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO ACCEPT OFFERS FOR PURCHASE OF LOTS PREVIOUSLY DEEMED AS SURPLUS PROPERTY. THE MAYOR STATED WE HAVE A BID FOR 318 N. HORN FOR \$1000.00 FROM BEN WYANT. COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SIMPSON. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.
7. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE FROM NATIONAL LOAN INVESTORS, L.P.; PINS 12-19-312-001 AND 11-24-404-009. 300 EAST MAIN STREET AND 401 WEST MAIN STREET. THE MAYOR STATED TWO WEEKS AGO WE TALKED ABOUT THE COLEMAN RHODES BUILDING THAT WAS FALLING DOWN AND IT HAS BEEN CLOSED SINCE. BASICALLY, WE GOT A BID FOR \$41,000.00 TO DEMOLISH THE BUILDING THAT WAS COLLAPSING. WE GOT A BID FROM MCVICKERS FOR \$20,000.00 TO TEAR THE BUILDING DOWN. WHEN THEY TAKE THE BUILDING DOWN THERE IS A WALL THAT WILL NEED TO BE REPLACED, WE ARE GUESSING \$18,000.00 TO \$25,000.00. THEIR AGENT SAID THEY FELT LIKE THEY WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR BUILDING ONE AND THEY WOULD PAY THE CITY \$40,500.00 FOR BUILDING ONE. THEY WERE NOT WILLING TO TAKE ON THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR BUILDING TWO OR THE WALL AND WANTED TO GIVE THE CITY THE BUILDINGS. WE TALKED ABOUT ALL OF THAT AT THE LAST MEETING. SHE SAID THEY WOULD PAY FOR BUILDING ONE, GIVE US THE BUILDING REMAINING AND WE COULD TEAR DOWN BUILDING TWO AND FIX THE WALL, BUT WE HAD TO TAKE THE CHURCH NEXT TO SONIC. I WENT AND GOT THE KEY AND ROGER, MIKE, MYSELF AND ANGIE DEATON WENT UP THERE AND LOOKED AT IT. IT WAS IN VERY GOOD SHAPE, HAD A

LITTLE WATER DAMAGE IN THE BASEMENT, BUT OVERALL, I THINK THE BUILDING IS IN PRETTY GOOD SHAPE. I SIGNED AN AGREEMENT WITH THEM PENDING YOUR APPROVAL THAT WE WOULD TAKE POSSESSION OF THAT BUILDING AND THE BUILDIGN AT 401 W. MAIN. IF THIS IS RATIFIED TONIGHT, TOMORROW THEY WILL SEND US THE ORIGINAL DEED TO THAT BUILDING AND A CHECK FOR \$40,500.00 AND WE WILL OWN THOSE TWO BUILDINGS. CITY ATTORNEY, MIKE RIVA STATED THE INITIAL CONCERN WAS THE STATE OF THE TITLE DUE TO THE VARIOUS JUDGEMENTS AND LIENS THAT HAVE BEEN PLACED AGAINST A PARTICULAR BUILDING. HOWEVER, WE FOUND OUT THE FORECLOSURE PROCEDURE THAT WAS ALTERED IN THE SHERIFFS DEED TO THESE PEOPLE AND CHICAGO TITLE COMPANY AGREED THAT HE WOULD WRITE A TITLE POLICY SHOWING THAT IT IS CLEAR AND CLEAN PLUS WE GET THE LEASE FROM NOVACARE. THE MAYOR STATED NOVACARE HAS A FIVE-YEAR LEASE THAT WE WILL BECOME THE LANDLORD ON THAT. WORST CASE SCENARIO THE CITY WILL HAVE \$50,000.00 IN THAT WALL AND THAT BUILDING DEMOLITION AND WE WILL HAVE A BUILDING. WE HAVE ALREADY BEEN IN CONTACT WITH A WEST FRANKFORT BUSINESS OWNER WHO IS INTERESTED IN PURCHASING THIS STRUCTURE ONCE WE GET THIS DOWN AND THOSE DISCUSSIONS ARE ONGOING. I WANT TO THANK MIKE SIMPSON, ANGIE DEATON, MIKE RIVA, ROGER AND JODY IT WENT VERY WELL BECAUSE WE WERE VERY PROFESSIONAL. COMMISSIONER SIMPSON MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

8. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH DANIEL JENNINGS FOR IMPROVEMENT OF CERTAIN PROPERTY UTILIZING TAX INCREMENT FINANCING FOR A NEW SUBWAY RESTAURANT IN THE CITY OF WEST FRANKFORT, ILLINOIS. COMMISSIONER SIMPSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.
9. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CERTAIN PROPERTIES LOCATED IN THE CITY OF WEST FRANKFORT TO BE DECLARED AS SURPLUS REAL ESTATED AND TO ADVERTISE FOR SEALED BIDS. COMMISSIONER SIMPSON MADE A MOTION TO

APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

10. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION FOR IMPROVEMENT UNDER THE ILLINOIS HIGHWAY CODE REGARDING REPAIRS TO COUNTRY CLUB ROAD. THE MAYOR STATED \$300,000.00 IS THE ESTIMATED COST WHICH IS COMING OUT OF MOTOR FUEL TAX FUNDS. COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WARREN. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.
11. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL OF A PRELIMINARY CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR MOTOR FUEL TAX FUNDS. MIKE ROBERTS STATED THIS IS A SPECIAL MAINTANCE PROJECT. COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SIMPSON. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.
12. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO MAKE A DONATION TO CASSA FROM THE VIDEO GAMING FUND. THE MAYOR STATED WE GAVE THEM \$3,000.00 LAST YEAR AND THEY DO A LOT FOR BEING ADVOCATES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AND I RECOMMEND THAT WE GIVE THEM \$3,000.00 OUT OF OUR VIDEO GAMING FUND THAT WE SET ASIDE FOR THE YOUTH. COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WARREN. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.
13. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO PAY AN INVOICE FROM WIGGS EXCAVATING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$16,847.36 REGARDING REPAIRS TO THE WATER LINES ON 9TH STREET. COMMISSIONER WARREN STATED THAT WAS A MAJOR ORDEAL DOWN BY MORELANDS OFFICE, IT WAS A MULTI DAY WITH THE WATER SHUT OFF AND EVERYTHING. COMMISSIONER WARREN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

14. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO PAY AN INVOICE FROM HEARTLAND OFFICE SUPPLY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,675.51 REGARDING PRINTED WATER BILLS AND PAST DUE BILLS. COMMISSIONER WARREN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SIMPSON. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.
15. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO PAY AN INVOICE FROM MCREAKEN ELECTRIC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,845.00 REGARDING ELECTRICAL SERVICE TO THE NEW CHEMSTREAM BUILDING. COMMISSIONER SIMPSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.
16. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO PAY AN INVOICE FROM SKUTA CONSTRUCTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,120.00 REGARDING A SEWER LINE VIDEO AND REPAIR ON GARDNER STREET. COMMISSIONER WARREN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.
17. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO PAY AN INVOICE/QUOTE FROM DRP CONSTRUCTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,586.00 FOR EMERGENCY REPAIRS TO STEEL COLUMNS AT THE WFBI. THE MAYOR STATED THAT IS AN OLD MARK TWAIN BUILDING THAT HAS BEEN THERE SINCE 1970 AND WHAT HAS HAPPENED IS THE STEEL PARTS HAVE BEEN EXPOSED AND THE SALT, WE HAD STORED THERE HAS ATE THROUGH THE COLUMNS. COMMISSIONER SIMPSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.
18. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO PAY AN INVOICE FROM 4SIWI IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,440.00 FOR SET UP AND NETWORKING THE NEW CITY HALL COMPUTERS. THE MAYOR STATED WE BOUGHT NEW COMPUTERS FOR CITY HALL AND HAD TO HAVE THEM SETUP, MOVED AND PUT ONLINE. COMMISSIONER WARREN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SIMPSON. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO

APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

19. THE NEXT ITEM WAS APPROVAL TO TRANSFER LAKE LOT LEASE #30 E ½ FROM PATRICK AND DEANNA SMILLIE TO CHAD SPENCE, JAIME SPENCE, CHERI FOXWORTHY AND KYLE FOXWORTHY. FROM COMMISSIONER SIMPSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WARREN. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

20. BUILDING AND SIGN PERMITS:

THERE IS A REQUEST FOR 1503 E. ELM FOR A DYLAN AND MEGHAN VAUGHN, THEY ARE BUILDING A GARAGE. COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

21. THE NEXT ITEM WAS AN EMERGENCY APPROVAL TO PAY AN INVOICE FOR THE MALL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,942.75 TO REFINISH THE FLOORS AT THE MALL. COMMISSIONER SIMPSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

22. THE NEXT ITEM WAS EMERGENCY APPROVAL FOR A PARADE PERMIT. THE MAYOR STATED I GOT A CALL FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL, TARA SULLIVAN AT THE HIGHSCHOOL AND THEY ASKED IF IT WOULD BE OKAY IF ON MAY 14, 2020 WHICH IS THE DAY THEY ARE SUPPOSED TO GRADUATE. THAT THEY WOULD ALLOW THEM TO HAVE A PARADE. THE GRADUATES COULD DECORATE THEIR CARS AND DRIVE DOWN MAIN STREET. THEY ALSO HAVE ASKED FOR APPROVAL TO PUT THE NAMES OF THE GRADUATES ON THE LIGHT POSTS DOWNTOWN LIKE THEY DO FOR THE FOOTBALL PLAYERS. COMMISSIONER WARREN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

23. MAYORS COMMENTS:

THE MAYOR STATED I TOLD THEM THEY COULD USE OUR MALL PARKING LOT IF THEY WANTED FOR GRADUATION. WE HAVE THE

ABILITY TO HAVE A FM RADIO STATION OUT THERE AND THEY COULD TRANSMIT THE GRADUATION THROUGH THE RADIO IN YOUR CAR. I MADE THIS SUGGESTION TO THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL. COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS STATED THIS IS WHAT WE ARE DOING FOR THE LITTLE KIDS AT SAINT JOHNS. WE AREN'T DOING IT AT THE MALL, BUT WE HAVE ALL THE BLOWUP SCREENS AND ANYTHING THEY COULD WANT SO IF THEY REACH BACK OUT TO YOU, WE HAVE ALL OF THE THINGS THEY WOULD NEED TO DO THAT. THE MAYOR STATED THEY WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THE GRADUATION IN THE GYM EVEN IF THEY HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL JUNE.

THE MAYOR STATED INSIDE THE BUILDING THAT WE NOW PURCHASED IS APPROXIMATELY 10,000.00 BOOKS. MORTHLAND COLLEGE WAS ALLOWED TO TAKE ANYTHING THEY WANTED TO OUT OF THE BUILDING. THE DAY WE CALLED THE LADY WHO OWNED IT WE TOLD HER THERE WAS A LOT OF STUFF IN THAT BUILDING AND SHE SAID THEY GAVE AMPLE TIME FOR THE OWNERS TO TAKE EVERYTHING THAT THEY WANTED OUT OF THE BUILDING AND SHE DOESN'T WANT ANYTHING TO DO WITH ANYTHING IN THAT BUILDING. THOSE BOOKS NOW BECOME THE PROPERTY OF THE CITY OF WEST FRANKFORT, THEY WERE PART OF MORTHLAND COLLEGE'S ATTEMPT TO HAVE A LIBRARY. I HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED THAT THERE ARE SOME BOOKS IN THERE THAT PROBABLY HAVE A LOT OF VALUE. WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO DO IS SET UP A COMMITTEE TO REPORT BACK TO THE CITY AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON WHAT TO DO WITH THOSE BOOKS. I HAVE ALREADY ASKED TARA SULLIVAN WHEN I SPOKE WITH HER IF SHE WOULD BE WILLING TO DO THAT AS A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE SCHOOL SYSTEM AND SHE SAID SHE TEACHES ENGLISH AND WOULD BE THRILLED TO DO THAT. I WOULD ASK IF MAYBE WE COULD ASK SOMEONE FROM THE LIBRARY BOARD TO SERVE ON THAT COMMITTEE. MAYBE SOMEONE FROM MORTHLAND COLLEGE WHO HELPED PUT ALL OF THAT TOGETHER? I DON'T KNOW WHO THAT WOULD BE? LEIGH CALDWELL MIGHT BE SOMEONE THAT WOULD KNOW, IF WE ARE GOING TO HAVE A COMMITTEE THEN THREE OR FIVE IS WHAT YOU NEED. IS IT OKAY TO PUT A COMMITTEE TOGETHER TO MAKE A RECOMMENDATION ON WHAT TO DO WITH THE BOOKS? COMMISSIONER SIMPSON STATED SURE, DO WE NEED A MOTION ON THAT? THE MAYOR STATED YES. COMMISSIONER SIMPSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WARREN. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION

CARRIED.

THE LAST THING I WANT TO TALK ABOUT IS THE LAKE. COMMISSIONER WARREN ASKED IF THE GATE IS STILL BEING LOCKED? THE MAYOR STATED YES, EVERY NIGHT. I HAVE BEEN GOING OUT THERE AT SUNRISE AND UNLOCKING IT AND SUNSET AND LOCKING IT. COMMISSIONER SIMPSON STATED AND HOW MUCH ARE WE PAYING YOU FOR THE EXTRA WORK? THE MAYOR STATED \$.57 CENTS A MILE AND IT IS 14.4 MILES, 7.2 MILES EACH WAY. WE STARTED ENFORCING THE LAKE STICKERS AS OF MAY 1ST AND I THINK WE NEED TO GET THE WORD OUT THERE THAT THEY HAVE TO HAVE A STICKER TO FISH AT OUR LAKES. I THINK FOR THIS YEAR I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE THE STICKERS \$15.00 AND THEY CAN PURCHASE THEM AT OUR DRIVE THRU WINDOW. WE WERE CHARGING \$30.00 AND IF YOU WERE OVER 65, THEY WERE \$15.00 AND ACTIVE MILITARY FREE. I THINK IF WE MAKE IT A FLAT \$15.00 FOR EVERYONE FOR THIS YEAR IT WILL HELP PEOPLE OUT. COMMISSIONER WARREN STATED I WILL MAKE A MOTION FOR THE STICKERS TO BE \$15.00 FOR COMMISSIONER WARREN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SIMPSON. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR JORDAN VOTED TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

24. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

COMMISSIONER HARKINS STATED THE POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS ARE RUNNING SMOOTHLY. THE GUYS ARE DOING A GOOD JOB AND DOING WHAT IS REQUIRED OF THEM.

COMMISSIONER SIMPSON STATED IT HAS BEEN AN EVENTFUL TWO WEEKS REGARDING THE PROPERTY ON MAIN STREET AND I THINK THE MAJORITY OF PEOPLE IN WEST FRANKFORT ARE HAPPY WITH THE OUTCOME.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS STATED I APPRECIATE YOU TAKING ALL THE BLAME FOR OPENING OUR BUSINESSES BACK UP. I THINK IT IS BRAVE TO SAY WE NEED TO SAVE OUR TOWN AND OUR BUSINESSES. I KNOW OUR BUSINESSES ARE STRUGGLING AND WHEN YOU SAY ONE BUSINESS IS ESSENTIAL AND ANOTHER ONE ISN'T IS HARD. WE HAVE A LOT OF BUSINESSES IN SMALL TOWNS THAT ARE OWNED BY PEOPLE THAT ARE OUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS AND THEY ARE STRUGGLING. I THINK IT IS A BOLD

MOVE, BUT IT IS BRAVE. I KNOW THEY APPRECIATE YOU DOING IT AND I THINK YOU WILL GET A LOT OF BACKLASH, BUT NOT FROM THE PEOPLE WHO ARE GOING TO SHOW UP AND DO ANYTHING ANYWAYS. THE PEOPLE WHO WORK IN OUR TOWN AND THE PEOPLE WHO SPONSOR THE LITTLE LEAGUE TEAMS AND THE PEOPLE WHO ARE OPEN FOR US WHEN WE NEED THEM NEED US TO BE THERE FOR THEM. THE PEOPLE WHO COMPLAIN ABOUT EVERYTHING ARE STILL GOING TO COMPLAIN. HOW DO YOU WANT PEOPLE TO SEND IN THEIR BUSINESS PLANS? THE CITY CLERK STATED SEND THEM TO MY EMAIL. THE MAYOR STATED I THINK THEY NEED TO CALL AND SPEAK TO US FIRST. COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS STATED I THINK WE NEED TO BE DIRECT SO THEY KNOW EXACTLY WHAT IS GOING ON. THE MAYOR STATED HAVE THEM EMAIL TO ANGIE AND SHE WILL GET IT TO ME.

COMMISSIONER WARREN STATED I HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT LAKE MEETINGS SINCE THEY HAVE BEEN PUT ON HOLD FROM THE CORONAVIRUS. THE MAYOR STATED I THINK WE CAN HAVE A LAKE MEETING.

25. AUDIENCE QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS:

BOB MARAGNI ASKED ABOUT THE PLAYGROUND, TENNIS COURTS AND BASKETBALL COURTS AT THE PARK. THE MAYOR STATED I AM GOING TO MAKE IT VERY CLEAR. THE WEST FRANKFORT COMMUNITY PARK HAS A PARK BOARD AND I THINK THE PARK BOARD HAS THE AUTHORITY TO MAKE THE DECISIONS ABOUT OPEINING OR NOT. WE WILL SUPPORT WHATEVER THEY WANT TO DO.

TIM HASTINGS STATED ASKED WHAT TIME IS THE GRADUATION PARADE? THE MAYOR STATED WE ARE NOT SURE YET.

26. WITH NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED ON A MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HARKINS AT 7:29 P.M.

MAYOR TOM JORDAN

ANGIE BAKER DEATON, CITY CLERK